

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 8, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 346, 3/2/2017
Executive Action: Do Pass: SB 254
Be Concurred In: HB 346, HB 347

00:00:01 Chair Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 346

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:31 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 346. Designate fiscal agent as employer for workers' compensation insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:06 Debbie Lester, chief financial officer, Missoula Aging Services (MAS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:54 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:08 Sen. Facey
00:09:12 Ms. Lester, MAS
00:09:28 Chair Buttrey
00:11:35 Ms. Lester
00:12:11 Sen. Brown
00:12:27 Rep. Curdy
00:13:10 Sen. Facey
00:13:50 Mr. Braun, MSF
00:14:10 Sen. Facey
00:14:44 Ms. Lester
00:15:53 Sen. Connell
00:17:16 Mr. Braun
00:18:04 Chair Buttrey
00:18:07 Mr. Braun
00:18:52 Sen. Brown
00:18:55 Mr. Braun
00:19:06 Sen. Brown
00:19:10 Rep. Curdy
00:19:58 Sen. Brown
00:20:02 Ms. Lester

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:10 Rep. Curdy
00:23:20 Chair Buttrey
00:24:00 Recess
01:01:18 Reconvene

Sen. Connell and Sen. Salomon were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 254

01:01:42 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 254 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:02:01 Chair Buttrey

01:03:55 Sen. Facey

01:04:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Facey and Sen. Vuckovich voting no. Sen. Connell and Sen. Salomon voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 346

01:05:19 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 346 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:05:31 Sen. Brown

01:05:35 Sen. Facey

01:06:13 Sen. Smith

01:06:44 Chair Buttrey

01:06:55 Sen. Facey

01:07:13 Chair Buttrey

01:07:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell and Sen. Salomon voted by proxy. Sen. Dick Barrett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 347

01:07:40 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 347 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:07:49 Sen. Facey

01:09:00 Chair Buttrey

01:09:05 Sen. Facey

01:09:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Connell and Sen. Salomon voted by proxy. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

01:09:50 Chair Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:10 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus48aad.pdf](#))